119 lakh persons, a marginal decline in the targeted rate of growth has resulted.

Construction of Thein Dam

@@1972. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Thein dam may cost Rs. 1709 crores" appearing in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi of the 17th February, 1986;

(b) whether the Central Government have cleared the offer of the Japanese-Italian Consortium. Kajima-Impregilo, for the construction of the project;

(c) what is the percentage of the expenditure to be borne by the said consortium, the Central Government and the Punjab and other participating States; and

(d) what are the reasons for allowing foreign consortia to undertake the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir. It is in the process of appraisal alongwith other offers.

(c) A decision on these aspects can be taken only after the offers have been duly evaluated.

(d) To take advantage of bilateral foreign assistance (in the context of resource constraints) and transfer of technology, including advanced construction management techniques.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1341, transferred from the 7th March, 1986.

Setting up of a cement plant using slag of Bokaro Steel Plant

†1973. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with Government since 1978 regarding the setting up of a cement plant using slag of Bokaro Steel Plant as raw material in public|private|joint sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the reasons for delay and the steps being taken to expedite it; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider the proposal for implementation in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Licences for manufacturing LPG cylinders

1974. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's Secretariat is monitoring the sanction of industrial licences in the country;

(b) if so, what is the result of the monitoring of LPG cylinder manufacturing licences granted in the country so far;

(c) the number of such licences granted for the eastern States and the names of the sites of such plants with total capacity; and

(d) the total capacity of LPG cylinder manufacturing granted for other States. State-wise details?

†Previously Unstarred Question 1294, transferred from the 7th March, 1986.